



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Approved for use through 07/31/2005. OMB 0851-0031  
**U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
A collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Use of this form is mandatory.

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

*(Use as many sheets as necessary)*

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known	
Application Number	09/964,385
Filing Date	September 28, 2001
First Named Inventor	Kirkpatrick
Art Unit	2643
Examiner Name	Eng, George
Attorney Docket Number	20009.0043US01 (BS01-170)

**U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

**Examiner  
Signature**

Mehir Ramakrishna

**Date  
Considered**

2128106

**\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 509. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 801.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.**

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.88. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

1-25-05

12.4 2.3 2005

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

*(Use as many sheets as necessary)*

Sheet 1

81

U. S. Patent and Trademark Office: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
and to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	09/964,385
		Filing Date	September 28, 2001
		First Named Inventor	Kirkpatrick
		Art Unit	2463
		Examiner Name	Eng
		Attorney Docket Number	20009.0043US01 (BS01-170)
Sheet	1	of	1

**Examiner  
Signature**

Melur Ramakrishnan

Gate  
Considered

2/25/06

**EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 608. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. **Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional):** <sup>3</sup> See Kinda Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. **Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3):** <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. **Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible:** <sup>5</sup> **Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached**

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.